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ENTRY OF UNRESERVED TICKETS HOLDERS IN RESERVED COMPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the instances of army jawans and policemen with unreserved tickets entering into reserved compartments and taking away the seats of reserved passengers have come to the notice of the Railways;

(b) If so, the details of such incidents reported during the current year;

(c) The action taken/to be taken against such persons; and

(d) The efforts being made to ensure that no unreserved persons is allowed to enter the reserved compartments in trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Cases of unauthorised passengers including policemen and Army jawans entering into reserved coaches with unreserved tickets and occupying the reserved seats/berths of bonafide passengers do come to notice. However, separate details relating to unauthorised entry of policemen or army jawans are not maintained.

(c) & (d): Apart from manning of reserved coaches, regular and surprise checks are conducted against ticketless/irregular travel and persons detected travelling unauthorisedly are dealt with as per relevant provisions of law. In addition, the minimum penalty has also been enhanced from Rs.50/- to Rs.250/- with effect from 01.07.2004 in order to discourage entering of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches.